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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU INVITES COMMENTS ON REGION 3 (ARIZONA) 800 MHz NPSPAC REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT

PR DOCKET NO. 91-143

Comment Date: March 7, 2008

Reply Comment Date: March 24, 2008

On August 14, 2007, Region 3 800 MHz Arizona Regional Review Committee (ARRC) submitted a proposed amendment to its 800 MHz Regional Public Safety Plan for review and approval. The plan amendment includes the following proposed revisions: (1) change the nomenclature for the Common Calling and Tactical Interoperability Channels to match a plan developed by the Arizona Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), and (2) modify Appendix IV - Frequency Allocation List to eliminate reserved frequency pairs in non-metro areas of the state.¹

The proposed plan amendment was reviewed by, and letters of concurrence obtained from, all five regions adjacent to Region 3: Region 6 (Northern California), Region 7 (Colorado), Region 27 (Nevada), Region 29 (New Mexico) and Region 41 (Utah).

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.² The National Plan specifies special policies and procedures governing the Public Safety Pool.³ Regional plans must include an explanation of how the plan has been coordinated with adjacent regions. For modifications, the regional chair may recommend, in writing, changes to a regional plan, and the Commission will give

¹ See Letter from Larry Sayers, Region 3 Arizona Regional Review Committee (ARRC), to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, Gen Docket No. 91-143 (filed Aug. 23, 2007) (Plan Amendment).

² See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/866-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, Report and Order, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987) (National Plan Report and Order).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 90.16.

public notice soliciting comment on any such proposals and issue appropriate orders upon review.⁴ The Region 3 Plan, which was originally adopted by the Commission in September 1991, was subsequently amended in 1998, 2001 and 2006.⁵

Interested parties may file comments on the plan amendment on or before **March 7, 2008**. Parties interested in submitting reply comments must do so on or before **March 24, 2008**. All comments and reply comments should reference the subject plan amendment and **PR Docket No. 91-143**. Comments and reply comments may be filed by using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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⁴ See National Plan Report and Order, 3 FCC Rcd at 911 ¶ 57.

⁵ See Arizona (Region 3) Public Safety Plan, PR Docket No. 91-143, Order, 6 FCC Rcd 5335 (PRB 1991); Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Approval for Minor Amendment to Its Regional Plan, PR Docket No. 91-143, Public Notice, 13 FCC Rcd 22460 (PRB 1998); Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves Arizona (Region 3) Minor Amendment to its Regional Public Safety Plan, PR Docket No. 91-143, Public Notice, 16 FCC Rcd 18433 (2001); Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves Region 3 (Arizona) 800 MHz Regional Plan Amendment, PR Docket No. 91-143, Public Notice, 21 FCC Rcd 2387 (WTB PSPWD 2006).

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